

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Lillian G. Gronlund was born on August 23, 1906, to Evan and Elisabeth Gronlund at Boston, Massachusetts, one of four children; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Lillian married W. Herbert Mathisen on August 6, 1932, and to this union one child was born: Carol Elizabeth, and Lillian has also been blessed with five grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; and,

Whereas, Lillian was a talented seamstress making specialty cosmetic and traveling bags and aprons and can boast at least one notable client, the wife of Polar Explorer Admiral Richard E. Byrd; and,

Whereas, Lillian was devoted to the Boston Evangelical Free Church serving as treasurer, Sunday school teacher, choir member, and assisting with the church's Norwegian Independence Day program, beading nearly 100 costumes for the event; and,

Whereas, Lillian will observe her 100th Birthday on July 8, 2006, with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

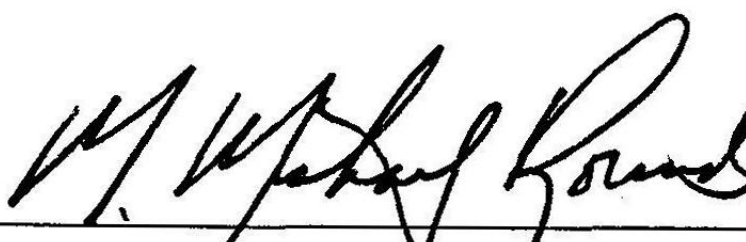
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 23, 2006, as

LILLIAN G. MATHISEN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State